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I find it very interesting that you are suing Microsoft for EXACTLY the same things that Apple (and many OTHER) system software companies do

ADD functionality, ADD EASE of use, and MAKE PROGRAMS INTERGRATED with the system

I USE an Apple Macintosh PRIMARILY BECAUSE they (Apple) DO !! ADD functions to the system (I use 9.1 but when I get a new iMac 2 ! then system X, I have used a MAC for more than 10 years, but PCs from 1984?). The clock used to be a free program written by an individual, NOW it is built-in, so are many other functions INCLUDING a BROWSER

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speaking of which Netscape used to ADVERTISE that THEIR browser was FREE !!! (and I NEVER EVER paid them one red cent for using it either for Windows [yes I have Intel PCs too even from the days of DOS 3.0 and 2.11]) or any of my 3 Macs. They GAVE it [the browser] away for FREE "because the CONTENT Providers had to BUY the programs to make the web pages and sites." AND their browser was DIFFERENT from Mosiac AND Netscape's pages are NOT always compatible with OTHER browsers, even though there is "A standard".

The SAME goes for AVIs & Moovs graphic movies, MPeGs, jpg GIFs (originally a PROPERARY format exclusive to AOL, but since put in the Public Domain, so mow they have ART and it is ONLY compatiable with AOL) or the sound clips. MS makes programs for Macs (Macs BIGGEST supplier of programs and MS's MOST profitable and Apple makes programs for Windows. I prefer the BUNDLED Apple programs INCLUDING Quicktime, iDVD, iMovie etc (partly because I can NOT afford some of the fancier programs, and the supplied ones meet my needs [the features that I can uderstand and use]). YES I DO buy shareware (and PAY the fees) and yes I have purchased MANY programs totaling 1,000s of \$\$ over the years. But the Apple ones, the ones that are TOTALLY intergrated with the system software work the BEST, have the fewest problems and work just fine.

But I don't (currently) have an iPod nor a USE for one, nor a PDA, web enabled phone. And I do NOT want an INTERNET ready microwave, ice box, home lighting system, VCR (but I might have to think about that one!).

I also noticed that AOL is suing MS AGAIN over the Browser... sigh.

Can we just get BACK TO NORMAL (quote by President Bush) and get on with life !

instead of just wasting all this TIME, MONEY (yes my TAX dollars too), etc.
My 2 cents.

Thank you

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